

**NSTAR GAS COMPANY**

4. The Department's investigation in this proceeding is likely to raise issues dealing with gas transportation contracts and gas supply portfolios that are common to other gas companies in Massachusetts, including KeySpan.

5. KeySpan's limited participant status will not jeopardize the Department's investigation in any way.

6. Counsel for NStar has been contacted and has indicated that NStar does not object to KeySpan being granted limited participant status.

7. KeySpan's interests are unique and cannot be adequately represented by any other party.

8. Accordingly, KeySpan seeks to take part as a limited participant in this case, and where appropriate, to file comments, attend and participate in technical conferences, submit briefs, and to participate in this proceeding in any other manner deemed appropriate for limited participants by the Hearing Officer.

Wherefore, KeySpan respectfully requests that the Department grant this Petition for Limited Participant Status.

Respectfully submitted,

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